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THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE EATING ALL THE STEER.

Some months ago the head of one of the large wholesale meat houses made this announcement: We have decided to embark upon a campaign of education which will lead the American people to eat all of a steer, as do the people of Europe.

Nothing has been heard since that time of the beneficent intention of that house, and it is likely that nothing more will be heard. The reason for the abandonment of the projected campaign is to be found in this fact: The people of America are eating the whole steer.

There was a pretty theory that the American workman was becoming luxurious in his tastes; that he discarded chuck, flank, neck, and other tough-fibered portions of beef. The theorists contended that he demanded tender, juicy steaks and chops; that this demand was wasting a large portion of every carcass, and that because of it cattle were slaughtered before they had reached full weight and maturity.

Beef shin is an example. Formerly this entire piece weighing on an average fifteen pounds was sold at retail for 15 cents. Today shin is sold by the pound at 6 cents a pound, and the demand is great and is increasing.

Chuck, which only a short time ago brought 6 cents a pound, is now 12 cents. Flank, selling two years ago for 4 cents a pound, is now in great demand at 8 cents.

So it goes through all the coarse grades. The American workman is rivaling the European peasant in his search for a cheap, nutritious food, and is not particular as to its coarseness and toughness. James J. Hill, eminent financier and philosopher, asserted in an interview in New York yesterday that the habit of ordering over a telephone had advanced the price of meat. That assertion cannot apply to the advance in shin, flank, and chuck. Those who are buying these cuts do not order over the telephone. They buy with baskets on their arms and anxiously watch the cleaver and the scales to see that they are getting their money's worth.

The stew and the pot roast are with us, and they are here to stay. The plain American of moderate income is getting his education at first hand in the school of necessity.

POOR RICHARD ON THE AP-PALACHIAN RESERVE.

In the matter of the proposed Appalachian-White mountain forest reserve, three conclusions seem to be established:

1. That there is an overwhelming popular demand in the East that the forest areas indicated shall be set aside as a national forest.

2. That there is a substantial majority in both houses of Congress for this legislation, and that action is being delayed mainly through the failure of the House Committee on Agriculture to report such legislation.

3. That recent papers on forests and stream flow issued from the Weather Bureau and the Bureau of Forestry show a sharp difference of scientific opinion between the two bureaus of the Department of Agriculture in a matter which involves the welfare of the nation.

With the experience of China as a guide, Prof. Moore's opinion that forests have nothing to do with floods is interesting but not much more. That it should suffice to withhold from the people a benefit of prime importance to the entire Atlantic seaboard is preposterous. Let the Agricultural Department reconcile the academic differences between its branches when it pleases. But as to the protection of the East from flood and dry stream beds—

The day is short, the work great,

the workman lazy, the wages high, the master urgeth; up, then, and be doing.

EXPORTS OF FARM PRODUCTS REACH VAST TOTAL.

Any committee of Congress which may get to delving deep into the question of prices in this country will doubtless find material for thought in the statistics on our exports of farm products. The Department of Agriculture has given out figures on these exports from 1851 to 1908. They run into enormous totals. They indicate that the farmers of the country are disposing of vast quantities of products abroad. The result is without question a tendency to scarcity of agricultural products in this country with an inevitable upward trend of prices for such products.

In the last half century there has been a great increase in the exports of farm products from the United States. From an average of \$150,000,000 a year in the five-year period, 1851 to and including 1855, the agricultural exports rose to an average of \$875,000,000 a year in 1901-1905. In two subsequent individual years, 1907 and 1908, the agricultural exports surpassed a billion dollars annually.

Not only have such exports increased, but they have increased much faster than the population. In 1851-1855 the average value per capita of the agricultural exports of the United States was \$5.85; in the period 1901-1905 it was \$10.88, and since 1905 it has been still greater.

The chief agricultural products exported in the past half century have been, first, cotton; second, grain and grain products; and third, packing house products. Not considering the civil war period, the tendency of cotton exports has been steadily to increase since 1851. The highest year was 1907, when 4,518,000,000 pounds were sent out. Exports of grain and grain products amounted to \$215,000,000 in 1908, a total much above the average of recent years, though there has been a decline since 1896-1900, which was the period of largest grain exports.

When it comes to packing house products it is worth noticing that they have increased much more rapidly in the last half century than cotton or cereals. In 1908 the exports of packing house products amounted to \$196,000,000. The principal items are pork, lamb, beef, and oleo oil. Beef has declined since 1905, but even at that we are shipping abroad about 349,000,000 pounds of beef a year.

All of which indicates that our soil is feeding and clothing a big share of the world aside from America. It is not entirely the increasing demand of the urban population on the agricultural sections that is driving prices of farm products upward.

A CONSERVATIVE COMPANY FOR THE UNITED STATES.

If there is to be an income tax in this country, not more than eleven States can fail to approve the pending amendment to the Constitution. As Mr. Hull, of Tennessee, has inquired of the House:

Who is so ignorant or credulous as not to know the certain effects of the tremendous influence which powerful wealth exercises on many State legislatures, upon the press, and upon other mediums of manufacturing influence and sentiment?

The chief argument to be urged upon the legislatures of the twelve States needed—or more—will be that an income tax is socialistic. That will be a difficult position to hold if the legislator knows that income taxes now exist in:

- The United Kingdom, Japan, Hungary, Australia, India, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Italy, Spain, New Zealand, Canada, Panama, And in Cuba as to the income from lands.

PACKERS ARE DEFIANT AND DISREGARD BOYCOTT.

The widespread boycott of meats in this country has developed nothing more striking than the attitude of the big packers. They are seemingly bent not only in disregarding the protest of the public, but in prodding up the retailers to get every cent possible for meats, if the alleged defiant letter emanating from one of the great Chicago packing concerns and published today comes from the source to which it is credited.

That ancient saying that whom the gods would destroy they first make mad still contains the seeds of wisdom. The packers might do well to contemplate it. The American public is not easy to arouse, but the proportions which the movement against exorbitant meat prices is assuming show that it is deeply stirred. Such a spectacle, for instance, as 600 representative manufacturers dining without meat in New York, hardly indicates that this is a surface demonstration, to be treated lightly and defiantly. It would seem, considering the fight the Government is making to crush the Beef trust and the proportions of the

boycott, that the packers would do well to deal with the situation otherwise than in a spirit of defiance.

If, as now seems probable, the Seine river has reached its highest stage and is going to subside, the whole civilized world will rejoice. History has presented few spectacles more awful than that of the great city of Paris slowly being submerged, with no power available to save it. It is gratifying to every American to read that American help promises to do much to relieve the suffering.

Herr John, the famous tenor, who has given his wife to another man and wished the new couple all possible happiness, is either a highly unselfish person or the late Mrs. John has certain traits of disposition which the alert reporters have failed to illuminate.

The new Ohio Society of Washington adds another to the list of flourishing State societies of the Capital. The Ohio Society starts with fine prospects, having a large membership, animated with great enthusiasm.

Senator Dolliver's warning that the tariffs of the future will not be written in the offices of the big interests, cannot possibly be an insinuation that the Aldrich-Payne bill was fixed up in that fashion.

AND NOT CLAIRVOYANTS.

Lady—Poor man! So you are just out of jail? Tramp—Yes, mum. I was a victim of fortune-tellers' back in ninety-nine. Lady—Indeed? Tramp—Yes, mum. The district attorney told me where I'd ever been and what I'd ever done during my whole life, and the judge predicted where I would go for the next ten years.—Puck.

Tales Gathered In the Capital

COL. JAMES GORDON, the "temporary" Senator from Mississippi, is still unfamiliar with city ways and he is telling the story himself of how near he came to being killed by a Washington street car yesterday as he was crossing the tracks opposite the Senate office building. He thinks it is only another joke on himself even though it came near resulting seriously.

It was snowing furiously as the Senator left his office accompanied by Mrs. Gordon, and started for a car to their apartments. In crossing the street to catch a north bound car he stepped on the southbound tracks directly in front of an oncoming car. His umbrella was lowered to protect him from the driving snow, but Mrs. Gordon saw the danger and screamed to her husband to jump. He jumped and as he did so the car brushed by him leaving him breathless but unscathed.

In telling of the incident, the new Senator thought nothing more of it than that it was just another adventure with metropolitan city conditions. It has increased, he says, his longing for the safety and peace of his plantation home.

"Uncle Joe" As the Village Belle.

If "Uncle Joe" were the village belle, with two ardent suitors, he could not be in more perplexity than he is in on the question of whether to accept the invitation of Representative J. Van Vechten Olcott of New York to speak there on Lincoln's Birthday, February 12, or the invitation of Representative "Jimmie" Burke to speak on the same date in Pittsburg.

"Uncle Joe" is coy and shy and thus far has kept both guessing. It appears that when Burke first laid the matter before the Speaker the latter turned to the faithful Busbey and asked if he had any engagement for that event. Busbey's history failed him and he looked at the book and saw there was nothing on the boards for February 8. The Speaker likes "Jimmie," for the reason that he's a good organization man who never waxes insurgent and always does as he is told. Moreover, he's assistant House Republican whip. So he was told the Speaker probably would go to Pittsburg.

Then along came Olcott, and Busbey told the Speaker there was nothing down for February 12. The Speaker was about to promise Olcott when Busbey found out what was up and protested he had won the Speaker over to visit Pittsburg.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement and now he is being hammered from both sides. President Taft and Mayor Gaynor are going to speak at the New York observances of Lincoln Day and Burke contends they are enough.

Olcott thinks not. He is pulling the wires and working hard to drive the Speaker his way and head him off from the Smoky City.

If the Speaker had an alibi he'd accommodate both Burke and Olcott. In the absence of one he may ask them to cut cards, flip a coin or draw cuts.

The Young Lady Across the Way

The young lady across the way says she saw in the paper that a man was arrested for watering his oysters, and they didn't expect him to let the poor things go thirsty did they.

IRISH HOME RULE MAY DOWN LIBERALS

Ministerials Will Lose Out If Nationalists Join Conservatives.

MEMBERSHIP. Last Next Parli'm't Parli'm't Conservatives 167 272 Liberals 364 274 Irish Nationalists 83 82 Laborites 55 40 Non-partisan (Speaker) 1 1 Ministerial majority by coalition, 122. Net Conservative gain, 105.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—Political workers are greatly aroused today by the attempt on the part of A. J. Balfour and other Conservative leaders to form a coalition with the Irish Nationalists and thereby oust the Liberals from power. The bait offered to the Irishmen is a larger measure of home rule than the Liberals have agreed to give and it is a tempting one to John Redmond and his colleagues who have been waiting and working for years to secure home rule.

Oppose Whisky Tax. Added to the desire for a complete grant of home rule, the Irish Nationalists favor protection which has been the keynote of the Conservative promises during the campaign which has just closed. They are further opposed bitterly to an increase in the tax on whisky which Chancellor Lloyd-George proposes to enact. These three things have caused the Irish Nationalists to listen to the song of the tempter who would have strangled them from the society of Asquith and his Liberal followers.

Liberals are insisting today that they have an ironclad agreement with Redmond which he will not dare to violate. They have agreed, they say, to grant home rule which will be sufficient as a starter. Once get the system of home rule itself into complete and satisfactory home rule.

Liberal Majority 122. The alliance between the Liberals, Laborites, and Irish Nationalists will give the ministerial party a majority of 122 which is 115 less than in the last parliament. It will be large enough to secure the passage of the acts on the Liberal program unless it is home rule.

A serious split in the ranks of the ministerial party over home rule is predicted, and another election will follow the split, declare the Conservatives. The Liberals hope to get most of their program enacted before the split comes on home rule. This with the return of commercial prosperity which they anticipate, will enable them to carry the election again, and thus remain in power.

Should the commercial prosperity fail to materialize, it is generally admitted that the Conservative cry for protection will have a greater power in the next election than it has in the one which has just closed.

The manufacturing districts failed to rally behind the Conservatives, while the farming districts rolled up big majorities for the protection candidates. Thus defeating many Liberal candidates who were supposed to be invulnerable.

WELLMAN DEPARTS, BUT NOT FOR POLE

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Walter Wellman, the Arctic aeronaut whose object was to discover the North Pole by balloon, is a passenger for Europe aboard the White Star liner Oceanic.

Before sailing Mr. Wellman said he would never attempt to start for the Pole again and would give up Arctic projects in general. He will hereafter devote himself to business.

WILL GIVE LECTURE ON CONSERVATION

A lecture on conservation of forests will be given at Gonzaga Hall this evening by Don Carlos Ellis, of the Forest Service.

An announcement was made this morning that E. A. Dillon, of S I street northeast, won the Columbia automobile which was on exhibition at the recent jubilee fair of St. Aloysius parish.

Distinguished Company Is the Guest At German Embassy Musicales Today



MRS. JOSEPH ALLEN FARLEY.

WILL SPEND HONEYMOON TRAVELING ON CONTINENT

A beautiful wedding took place last night at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, when Miss Rachel Flora Wheeler, daughter of Representative and Mrs. Nelson P. Wheeler, of Endover, Pa., became the wife of Joseph Allen Farley, of Rochester, N. Y.

The Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, pastor of the church, performed the marriage service in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends of the young couple, including a large number of out of town guests.

Miss Wheeler, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a beautiful bridal gown of embroidered white satin, trimmed in rose point lace, and embroidered in pearls. It was made in semi princess style with a long square court train. Her tulle veil was held in place with a coronet of orange blossoms and she carried white orchids and lilies.

John Egbert Wheeler, of Portland, Ore., was the matron of honor. The maid of honor was Miss Eleanor Wheeler, of Portville, N. Y., cousin of the bride. The bridesmaids were Miss Emily Cannon, of Boston, and Miss Nell Farley, of Rochester, sister of the bridegroom.

Charles Morse, of Rochester, N. Y., was best man for Mr. Farley, and the ushers were William M. Wheeler, of Buffalo, cousin of the bride, and a classmate of Mr. Farley at Yale, Freeman Allen, of Rochester, cousin of the bridegroom, and the bride's three brothers, Nelson P. Wheeler, and Albert Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Hosts At Club Luncheon Today

Mr. and Mrs. Waddy B. Wood entertained a small party at luncheon at the Chevy Chase Club today in honor of Miss Bayne of New York. The other guests were Miss Matilda Marshall, Miss Sallie Garding, Miss Louise, Major Stoughton Lemly, Lieutenant Goethals, and Lieutenant Hackett.

Miss Leslie Lindsey, of Boston, Mass., arrived in Washington last night for a week's visit to Miss Annie Irwin, daughter of commander and Mrs. William Manning Irwin, U. S. N. Later she will be the guest of Miss Marjorie Aleshire, daughter of Brig. Gen. and Mrs. J. E. Aleshire for a few days.

Mrs. Ruth Kaiser, of Indianapolis, Ind., who is attending Washington Seminary, is the guest for the weekend of Miss Amelia Stern, of 724 Sixth street.

Mrs. Otto E. Weorner has as her week-end guest Miss Ray Berg, of Memphis, Tenn., who is here attending Madison Hall Seminary.

The Minister of Norway and Mme. Gunnar were hosts of last evening, entertaining in honor of the Italian Ambassador and Baroness Plancher.

Mrs. William Horton Garlock entertained at dinner last evening at the Ontario.

The Minister of the Netherlands and Mme. London had dinner with them last evening, the Ambassador of Japan and Baroness Uchida, Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Hale, the Naval Attaché of the Austro-Hungarian Embassy and Baroness Prueschen, Miss Patten, the charge d'affaires of Turkey, A. Ruzem Bey, and Senator Warren.

Fraulin De Ahna and Fraulein Luders Are the Artists.

Teals Served Following the Playing of German Classics.

The German Ambassador and Countess von Bernstorff will entertain a brilliant company at a musicale, followed by tea, this afternoon at the embassy on Highland Terrace.

Fraulin De Ahna, of New York, and Fraulein Luders, of Washington, will be the artists of the occasion and the program will include many of the German classics.

Among the guests will be the Italian Ambassador and Baroness Plancher, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador and Baroness Hengeimiller, Baron Ambroz, Baron Hye Count Calkray, Count Felix von Brussa, Shnaubeck, and the Naval Attaché and Baroness Prueschen, all of the embassy staff; the French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand and the Naval Attaché of the embassy and the Viscountess Benollet d'Azay; the Russian Ambassador and Baroness Rosen, and Baroness Elizabeth Rosen, and Mr. de Thal, of the Russian embassy staff.

The British Ambassador and Mrs. James Bryce, the Second Secretary of the embassy and Mrs. H. W. Kennard, the Second Secretary and Mrs. Esmond Ovey, the Comptroller of the embassy Mitchell Limes, the Hon. Secretary of Affairs A. Ruzem Bey; the Swedish Minister and Mme. de Lagercrantz; the Minister of Norway and Mme. Fraulein and Miss Gude and Mr. Skjvbak, of the legation staff.

The Netherlands Minister and Mme. Loozon and Mrs. London's niece, Miss Klenn; the Danish minister and Countess Motzke; the Minister of Switzerland and Mme. Hume; the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. George von L. Meyer and the Misses Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wood, of Baltimore; the Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Robert Shaw Oliver and Miss Marion Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. John F. McLean, and their house guest, Miss Ethel Roosevelt.

Former Navy Secretary and Mrs. Newberry.

The former Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Truman H. Newberry, Mr. and Mrs. Lutz Anderson, Col. and Mrs. Charles L. McCawley, Mrs. Richard Townsend, and Miss Mathilde Townsend; Dr. and Mrs. Randolph, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Beekman Winthrop, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. B. Crowninshield, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lezard, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Legare, Dr. and Mrs. Fremont Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Hoyt, Miss Constance Hoyt, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hitchcock.

The former Ambassador to France and Mrs. Henry White, Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Townsend and Mrs. Thome Townsend, Mrs. Nicholas Anderson, Mrs. L. Z. Leiter, Mrs. Hobson, Mrs. William Holden Noble, Mrs. Norman Harrison, Mrs. Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. George Howard, Mrs. Franklin Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Kropf, Mrs. Norman Williams, Mr. Siebert, and Miss Siebert, Miss Mabel Boardman, Miss Forsaker, Miss Sherrill, Mrs. Hunt Slater, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Thron, the Misses Patten, Mrs. T. T. Gaff, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cleveland Perkins and the Misses Perkins, Mr. June and Mrs. June, Miss Elizabeth Kean, Mr. Miles, Frederick Way and the military attaché of the embassy staff and Mme. von Livonius.

For Ethel Roosevelt. Mr. and Mrs. John R. McLean were hosts at one of the most beautiful cotillions of the season, preceded by a dinner for seventy young people in honor of Miss Ethel Roosevelt, who is their house guest.

The dinner was served at small tables, each adorned with a centerpiece of American Beauty roses.

About 100 danced in the cotillon which was led by George Howard, dancing with Miss Roosevelt. Miss Roosevelt wore a dainty gown of white satin embroidered with beads.

Today Mr. and Mrs. McLean entertained a large company of young people at breakfast at Friendship, their suburban estate, in honor of Miss Roosevelt, and this evening she will dine with her brother-in-law and sister, Representative and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth.

Mrs. Otis E. Weorner and Miss Amelia Stern entertained a small company of young folks informally last evening, in honor of Miss Kaiser and Miss Berg. The other guests included Miss Gertrude Selig, of Philadelphia; Miss Aletha Goodman, Melville Fischer, Arthur Luchs, Frank Meyer, Bernard Baer, John McLean, and Mrs. H. W. Kennard.

Mrs. A. Minster has as guests her mother, Mrs. M. Hess, of Baltimore, and her brother, Samuel Hess, of Wichita, Kan.

PULPIT TOPICS FOR TONIGHT IN CHURCHES OF WASHINGTON

- Wesley M. E. Church—"The Boy Jesus and the Virgin Mother," by the Rev. Dr. Jay Benson Hamilton, at 8 p. m. Mt. Vernon Place M. E. Church—"The Feast of Belshazzar; or the Handwriting on the Wall," by the Rev. J. Howard Wells, at 8 p. m. First M. P. Church—"Christian Liberty," by the Rev. J. B. McLaughlin, at 7:30 p. m. United Brethren Church—"Rewards," by the Rev. Charles E. Fultz, at 7:30 p. m. Church of the Covenant—"Suggestions from Nature About Morality," by the Rev. Dr. Wood, at 8 p. m. Western Presbyterian Church—"The Greatest Discovery," by the Rev. J. Harvey Dunham, at 8 p. m. Sixth Presbyterian Church—"When a Man Finds His Master," by the Rev. Arthur W. Spooner, at 7:30 p. m. All Souls' Unitarian Church—"The Religion of the Spirit," by the Rev. U. G. B. Pierce, at 8 p. m. St. Thomas' Episcopal Church—"Missionary Work in the Mountains of Virginia," by the Rev. J. R. Ellis, at 8 p. m. Epiphany Episcopal Church—"Moses, a Type of Christ," by the Rev. Dr. R. H. McKim, at 8 p. m. First Baptist Church—"What All Should Know," by the Rev. W. W. McMaster, at 8 p. m. Fifth Baptist Church—"The Sin of Card Playing, or Whitewashed Gambling," by the Rev. John E. Briggs, at 7:30 p. m. Luther Place Memorial Church—"The Flight of the Slaves," by the Rev. Lloyd C. Douglas, at 8 p. m. MUSIC. Metropolitan Memorial M. E. Church—Monthly service of music and song, at 8 p. m. McKendree M. E. Church—Complete song and story service, at 7:30 p. m. Church of the Covenant—Musical service, including solos by Mrs. Grant Fugitt, soprano, and Henry Gurney, tenor, at 7:30 p. m. New York Avenue Presbyterian Church—"Hady's 'Messes," by quartet choir, at 7:45 p. m. Church of the Ascension—Children's vesper service, sung by choir of sixty children, at 4:15 p. m. Mt. St. Alban's Church—People's evening service, sung by cathedral choir, at 4:30 p. m.